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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

11 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director of Central Reference

SUBJECT : Status of CODIB Feasibility Study on the Preparation
of "Black and White" Lists

1. BACKGROUND:

25X9 The need for the lists was presented to CODIB by the ACSI
representative, Dr. Samuel McKee, in May 1959. The members of the
25X6 [redacted] Working Group which was subsequently formed under the
chairmanship of the CIA representative, each submitted names of
suggested [redacted] A 25X6
25X6 composite list was sent to [redacted]
evaluation. Responses [redacted] received by January 1960, 25X1C
were adversely critical. A second meeting of [redacted] was held in
February, as a result of which the members agreed to submit 25X9
"unofficial" statements to be used by the undersigned in the
preparation of a report to CODIB. Such statements were all received
by 14 March and a first draft was prepared that month. To insure
a coordinated approach, two meetings were subsequently held between
the undersigned and Mrs. Finke, [redacted] with the 25X9
result that a revised draft was produced which, it was felt, more
clearly stated the inherent dangers of the project. (NOTE: Air Force
participation has been minimal. They contributed only two names
to the original composite list. They did not attend the second
25X9 [redacted] meeting, and asked only that they receive a copy of the draft
report.)

2. CURRENT STATUS

25X9 The draft report has undergone minor revisions. It will be
typed on ditto mats and multiple copies disseminated to [redacted] members
by 16 May. Depending on member reactions to the draft, a final 25X1A
report or a second draft will be prepared immediately for submission
to CODIB or recirculation among BWG members.

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"5. [REDACTED] Working Group report (Conclusions, dated 2 Aug. 60):

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[REDACTED] Chairman of the Working Group, summarized the conclusions and recommendations. The Committee adopted the report and the Working Group was discharged with thanks. Mr. McCue reflected State's interest in informing the Foreign Service of any collection plans for this type of information, including a copy of any outgoing requirement. He stated the Department's interest in cooperating in such collection and in monitoring the increased workload that requests for additional information might entail."